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SUMMARY:

SOVIET INSPIRED PROPAGANDA TRYING DESPERATELY KEEP UP
WITH RAPID CHANGES IN MIDEAST SITUATION AND ENSUING
CONFUSION IN HOW TO HANDLE PROPAGANDA LINE. AS A RESULT
IT IS PUSHING SEVERAL THEMES OOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH ARE:
BENEFICIARY OF AMERICAN EFFORTS TO DATE HAS BEEN USA AND
NOT ARABS, US HAS NOT CHANGED ITS TRUE ANTI-ARAB
INTENTIONS, ARAB-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP
WILL NOT SUFFER NOR SOVIET AID BE FORGOTTEN, KISSINGER IS
ACTING ON BEHALF BOTH USA AND USSR, AND SOVIETS SUPPORTED
CEASE-FIRE NOT BECAUSE OF SOVIET-USA DENTENTE BUT IN
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RESPONSE TO ARAB DEMANDS. END SUMMARY.

1. SPEED AND DIRECTION OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MIDEAST HAVE CONFUSED ARAB LEFTISTS AND SOVIET APOLOGISTS. LEFTIST EDITORS, AS IF ON HORNS OF DILEMMA: FIND IT DIFFICULT TO HANDLE CURRENT US DOMINATED ACCELERATED DRIVE TOWARDS SETTLEMENT. HOW TO CRITICIZE KISSINGER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DOWNGRADE THEM WHILE AT SAME TIME SUPPORTING CEASE-FIRE AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINE QUESTION IS CRUX OF THEIR PROBLEM. TO AVOID BASIC ISSUES LEFTIST PRESS HAS RECENTLY CONCENTRATED ON FOLLOWING THEMES:

AM PERMANENCY AND IMPORTANCE OF RECENT EVENTS DOUBTFUL. AL NIDA, COMMUNIST PARTY MOUTHPIECE, SAYS KISSINGER'S ACTION AND TALKS SO FAR HAVE NOT TOUCHED UPON BASIC ASPECTS OF PROBLEM. THEY HAVE DEALT WITH TANGENTS AND IRRELEVANT ISSUES. AL-SHAAB, COMMUNIST-LEANING DAILY, CLAIMING THAT SITUATION IS CONFUSED AND THAT PEACE AND WAR ARE STILL DISTINCT POSSIBILITIES, DESCRIBES THIS PERIOD AS FULL OF SURPRISES AND SAYS ANYTHING MAY HAPPEN, INCLUDING DISAPPEARANCE OF PRES NIXON FROM POLITICAL SCENE. IN THIS ATMOSPHERE OF FAST MOVING EVENTS, IT ADVISES ARABS TO WAIT FOR TANGIBLE RESULTS AND NOT TO GET DISTRACTED BY GLITTERING AND MEANINGLESS ANNOUNCEMENTS. EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP WILL BE CAREFUL NOT TO BE TRICKED BY AMERICAN TREACHERY AS IT WAS IN PAST.

B. CLEAR BENEFICIARY OF AMERICAN MANEUVERS SO FAR HAS BEEN USA AND NOT ARABS. AL NIDA STATES EVERYTHING WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE SO FAR HAS BEEN NET GAIN FOR US AND LOSS FOR ARABS. RESUMPTION OF US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, VICTORY FOR US, WAS DESIGNED HELD NIXON OUT OF HIS INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES. KISSINGER'S MANEUVERS ARE DESIGNED KEEP KEY TO SETTLEMENT IN US HANDS, GOAL OF ZIONISM AND IMPERIALISM. AL NIDA WARNS ARABS AS LONG AS US RETAINS THAT KEY POSITION IT WILL WORK AGAINST INTERESTS OF ARABS.

C. US HAS NOT CHANGED ITS TRUE ANTI-ARAB INTENTIONS. AL NIDA STRESSES US MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL CONTINUING AND, ACCORDING TO PENTAGON SOURCES, HAS EXCEEDED 3 BILLION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOLS. PAPER GOES ON TO SAY EVERYTHING KISSINGER HAS SAID AND DONE SO FAR INDICATES US ANTI-ARAB AND PRO-ISRAELI ATTITUDES HAVE NOT CHANGED. US CONTINUES TO OPPOSE ARAB LIBERATION EFFORTS AND SUPPORT ISRAELI AGGRESSION AND EXPANSIONIST POLICIES. WASHINGTON HAS NOT DONE ANYTHING TANGIBLE TO PROVE THAT IT HAS CHANGED ITS PREVIOUS ANTI-ARAB POSITION.

D. ARAB-SOVIET RELATIONS WILL NOT SUFFER. AL SHAAB SAYS REGARDLESS OF SHOW GOING ON, ARABS WILL NOT FORGET THOSE WHO STOOD BY THEM IN THEIR HOUR OF NEED, THAT RUSSIAN ARMS STILL PROTECT ARAB LANDS AND THAT AMERICAN ARMS ARE STILL POURING INTO ISRAEL. EDITOR STATES EVERY ARAB REALIZES ARAB CASUALTIES AND MASS DESTRUCTION IN ARAB WORLD WERE PLANNED AND DIRECTED BY UNCLE SAM. HE ARGUES THAT RESUMPTION OF EGYPTIAN-US RELATIONS DO NOT MEAN, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH, RESUMPTION OF ARAB-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP NOR DOES IT MEAN ARAB-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP SHOULD BE RAISED TO SAME LEVEL AS ARAB-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP. NO MATTER WHAT US DOES OR WHAT ROLE IT MAY PLAY IN ATTAINMENT OF PEACE, ARABS WILL NOT FORGET AMERICA'S HISTORY OF AIDING ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST THEM. ALSO-SOVIET-ARAB FRIENDSHIP WILL REMAIN EMBEDDED IN HEARTS OF ARABS. AL NIDA CALLS ON ARABS TO CONTINUE BATTLE AGAINST US, REJECT AMERICAN SOLUTIONS AND KEEP UP STRUGGLE AGAINST AMERICA, ENEMY OF PEOPLE.

E. KISSINGER IS NOT ACTING ON BEHALF OF US ALONE. AL SHAAB, TRYING GIVE RUSSIANS SOME CREDIT FOR KISSINGER'S SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE, CLAIMS WHAT KISSINGER IE DOING IS RESULT OF WHAT HAD BEEN JOINTLY AGREED UPON BY USSR AND USA. IF PRESSURE WERE TO BE PUT ON ISRAEL WHAT BETTER MEANS WOULD BE THAN GETTING "US, ISRAEL'S ALLY, TO APPLY SUCH PRESSURE THROUGH KISSINGER, A JEW". HENCE ANY POSITIVE RESULTS COMING OUT OF KISSINGER'S EFFORTS SHOULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO BOTH USSR AND USA AND NOT TO LATTER ALONE.

F. EVEN PATERNITY CEASE-FIRE, WHICH USSR HAD PROUDLY CLAIMED EARLIER, IS GRADUALLY BEING DISOWNED BY SOVIETS. SHAWI, LEBANESE COMMUNIST LEADER, IN STATEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF OCT REVOLUTION, AFTER PRAISING SOVIETS FOR ARMING ARABS BEFORE AND DURING OCT FIGHTING, SAID SOVIET UNION DID NOT IMPOSE CEASE-FIRE ON ARABS BECAUSE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE. SOVIETS AGREED TO CEASE-FIRE IN RESPONSE TO ARAB DEMANDS. HE SAID SADAT'S SPEECH IN WHICH HE LISTED CONSITIONS FOR CEASE-FIRE AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT PROCEDED KOSYGEN'S VISIT TO CAIRO AND WAS NOT RESULT OF IT. BUFFUM

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